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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99,371)

PATENT

In re Application of: Thomason et al.)

Serial No.: 09/391,861)

Filed: September 7, 1999)

For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like
Polypeptides)

Before the Examiner: D. Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 1633

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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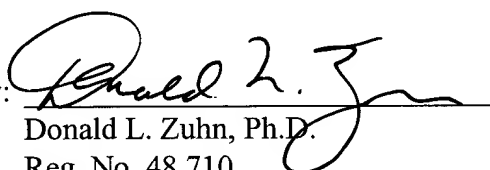
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed September 26, 2001. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: March 26, 2002

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